# **U3A Christchurch Central**

*"University of the Third Age"* Newsletter 2, March 2020

Course 2: March 17 – April 7

# **<u>Course Two:</u>** Diverse Pathways for Learning



# **Course Organiser: Lois Daly**

Although not trained as a teacher, I have, frequently through 'happenstance', had experience teaching in a wide range of environments, both institutions and communities.

|   |         | 17 March: Dr Susan Foster-Cohen, Director of the Champion Centre  |
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|   |         | The Champion Centre: Locally grown, internationally recognised  |
|   |         | This talk will focus on the Champion Centre's approach to early intervention for infants and  |
|   |         | young children with developmental delays and disabilities. It provides an internationally   |
|   |         | recognised model of child- and family-centred, multidisciplinary, holistic support. Having  |
|   |         | recently celebrated its fortieth anniversary, the Champion Centre is proud to be the largest,   |
|   |         | longest running, centre-based early intervention programme in Australasia.  |
|   | 1 28    | 24 March: Dr Amy Underdown, Children's University Canterbury Partnership  |
|   |         | Children's University in Canterbury   |
| 1 |         | Children's University Conterbury Dortnership (CUCD) is an educational outreach programme  |
|   |         | Children's University Canterbury Partnership (CUCP) is an educational outreach programme that aims to raise aspirations towards higher education for children 7-18 years. It is being |
| 1 |         | delivered in New Zealand for the first time through a partnership between Lincoln University  |
|   |         | and the University of Canterbury. This talk will provide an overview of the programme, how it   |
|   |         | has been embraced by the community and its benefits to children and their families.   |
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|   |         | 31 March: Cathy Irons, Christchurch Symphony Orchestra  |
|   |         | The CSO's Karawhiua! Let's Play Residency in Primary Schools  |
|   |         | During a Karawhiua! Let's Play! Programme, CSO musicians embed themselves in low decile   |
|   |         | primary/intermediate schools over the course of a week, working with students from all year   |
|   |         | groups; culminating in a performance. Whilst it simply sounds like yet another "good idea"  |
|   | 1 Start | music programme, the residency has much deeper impacts on our children, their behaviour and   |
|   |         | their families. Cathy will discuss what is unique about this programme, why it is highly sought   |
|   |         | after and how it makes a difference to our community.   |
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### 7 April: Dr Simon Pollard, College of Science, University of Canterbury



#### Why is the spider dancing?

Children love natural history stories, especially multi-layered ones. Simon will talk about his experiences as a writer and documentary and science advisor in bringing stories from the natural world to life. He will also talk about his experiences as a contributor to the Writers in Schools programme in sharing these stories with young New Zealanders.

# Your Committee 2020



We can be identified as committee members by the yellow name-badges that we wear.

# Subscriptions:

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Place cash in a named envelope and hand in at the name tag table.

#### Interest groups:

U3A Christchurch Central currently has two interest groups – the **Walking Group** and the **Art Interest Group**. For more information and/or to join a group, contact the organiser. Walking group: Judy Deans, 021 683 523. Art Interest Group: Dru Mason, drumason48@gmail.com

# Morning Tea/Coffee Duty

Organiser: Yvonne Ekdahl, Phone: 021 169 7596, 385 1395 Sue Allard and Marilyn Gayford have kindly volunteered to help for the duration of this course.